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Date: November 30, 2001

By: 

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PATENT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 381-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/462,846

FILED: January 13, 2000

FOR: PROTEASES FROM GRAM-POSITIVE
ORGANISMS

EXAMINER: Steadman, D.

ART UNIT: 1652

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to
an Office Action dated May 30, 2001.

one month to _____; the extension
fee is \$110.00.

two months to _____; the extension
fee is \$400.00.

three months to November 30, 2001; the extension fee is
\$920.00.

four months to _____; the
extension fee is \$1,440.00.

five months to _____; the
extension fee is \$1,960.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory
period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory
Action dated _____

[X] Charge \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC331-US). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: November 30, 2001

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